

Update on Ag Policy

NC Aquaculture Association
Fall Meeting

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Jones Street



2014 Budget highlights

- * NCSU initiatives \$350K plant science, \$250K food processing.
- * NCDA&CS Farmland Preservation Trust Fund \$2.6 million
- * AgWRAP will get \$1.5 million.
- * \$3.4 million to assist in cleaning up petroleum leaks from home heating oil/small farm tanks.
- * Authorizes Board of Agriculture to establish a fee for NC Forest Service writing forest management plans.
- * Special revenue fund, the Agriculture Gas Expansion Fund, in the Department of Commerce and authorizes the Commerce Secretary to fund projects that provide new or expanded natural or propane gas service to agricultural operations or processing facilities.
- * Drones: prohibits drone operators from conducting surveillance of private property without the consent of the landowner, easement holder, or lessee.
- * NCDA&CS Marketing Program was boosted last year with an additional \$150,000.
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2014 Tax Law Changes

- * **ALL ag exemption certificate holders must reapply for exemption certificate number**

- * Qualify for the exemption if you have >\$10K/year from farming ops OR average income \$10K/year averaged over the preceding three years
- * Aquaculture is specifically mentioned as a “qualifying” farmer
- * Must provide documentation of income (schedule F, 1040, Individual tax return, or appropriate pages from corporate/business return) and NC DOR form E-595QF
- * If you sell at Farmers Markets, the market manager will be asking for your tax ID number

- * http://www.dornc.com/downloads/FAQs_E595_QF_62672014.pdf

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**Application for Exemption Number
for Qualified Purchases**
North Carolina Department of Revenue

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Office Use

1. If Corporation, Partnership, or LLC enter Federal Employer ID No.: _____ If Proprietorship then enter Social Security Number: _____

2. Type of Ownership: ☐ Proprietorship ☐ Corporation ☐ Partnership ☐ LLC ☐ Other (Identify) _____

3. Owner's Legal Name: _____

4. Trade Name (DBA Name): _____

5. Street Address: _____
(Not P.O. Box Number) City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ County _____

6. Mailing Address: _____
Street or P.O. Box _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

7. Type of Business or Profession:
☐ Farmer
☐ Commercial Fisherman
☐ Commercial Logger
☐ Veterinarian

8. Dollar amount of annual income from business or professional activities: _____
☐ Check if just started within the year.
☐ Check if just moved to North Carolina.

9. Describe the type of items sold and/or produced or services rendered: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____
I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, this application is accurate and complete.

Name (Print): _____ Title: _____
E-mail: _____ Phone: _____

Mailed to: N.C. Department of Revenue, Exceptional Registration
111 O. Box 25500, Raleigh, NC 27615-0500

N.C. Farm Act of 2014

- * DENR must keep confidential records relating to environmental complaints filed against farms until DENR determines that a violation occurred.
- * DENR now has discretion over responding to environmental complaints made against agricultural operations if the complaints are frivolous or filed in bad faith.
- * DENR must develop a formal system for receiving, investigating and responding to environmental complaints.
- * Enhanced penalty for trespassing at an agricultural facility, a provision added to protect biosecurity on farms.
- * Persons operating all-terrain vehicle on someone else's property must have the written consent of the property owner.
- * New language limits the authority of local governments to regulate the use of fertilizers.

Farmers Markets: Collecting Tax

* § 66-255. Specialty market or operator of an event registration list.

- * A specialty market operator or operator of an event where space is provided to a vendor must maintain a daily registration list of all specialty market or other vendors selling or offering goods for sale at the specialty market or other event. The registration list must clearly and legibly show each vendor's name, permanent address, and certificate of registration number. The specialty market operator or other event operator must require each vendor to exhibit a valid certificate of registration for visual inspection by the specialty market operator or other event operator at the time of registration, and must **require each vendor to keep the certificate of registration** conspicuously and prominently displayed, so as to be visible for inspection by patrons of the vendor at the places or locations at which the goods are offered for sale. Each **daily registration list** maintained pursuant to this section must be retained by the specialty market operator or other event operator for no less than two years and must at any time be made available upon **request to any law enforcement officer or the Secretary of Revenue or the Secretary's duly authorized agent.**

Farm-Raised Fish

- Live: exempt from tax when sold by producer [G.S 105-164.13(4b)].
- Whole on ice or frozen (uncooked): exempt from tax when sold by producer [G.S 105-164.13(4b)] or subject to the 2 percent rate on food when sold by a retail merchant.
- Processed (uncooked): subject to the 2 percent rate on food when sold by a producer or retail merchant.

Crawfish

- Live: exempt from tax when sold by producer [G.S 105-164.13(4b)].
- Cooked: subject to general state rate and applicable local sales tax when cooked or smoked by a producer or retail merchant.

Shrimp/Prawns/Crab/Lobster

- Live: exempt from tax when sold by producer [G.S 105-164.13(7)] or subject to 2 percent rate on food when sold by retail merchant.
- Fresh from the boat: exempt from tax when sold by producer [G.S 105-164.13(7)] or subject to 2 percent rate on food when sold by a retail merchant.
- Frozen (uncooked): exempt from tax when sold by producer [G.S 105-164.13(7)] or subject to 2 percent rate on food when sold by a retail merchant.
- Cooked: subject to general state rate and applicable local sales tax when cooked or smoked by a producer or retail merchant.

Farm Raised Clams/Oysters

- Live or Fresh (uncooked): exempt from tax when sold by producer [G.S 105-164.13(4b)] or subject to 2 percent rate on food when sold by retail merchant.

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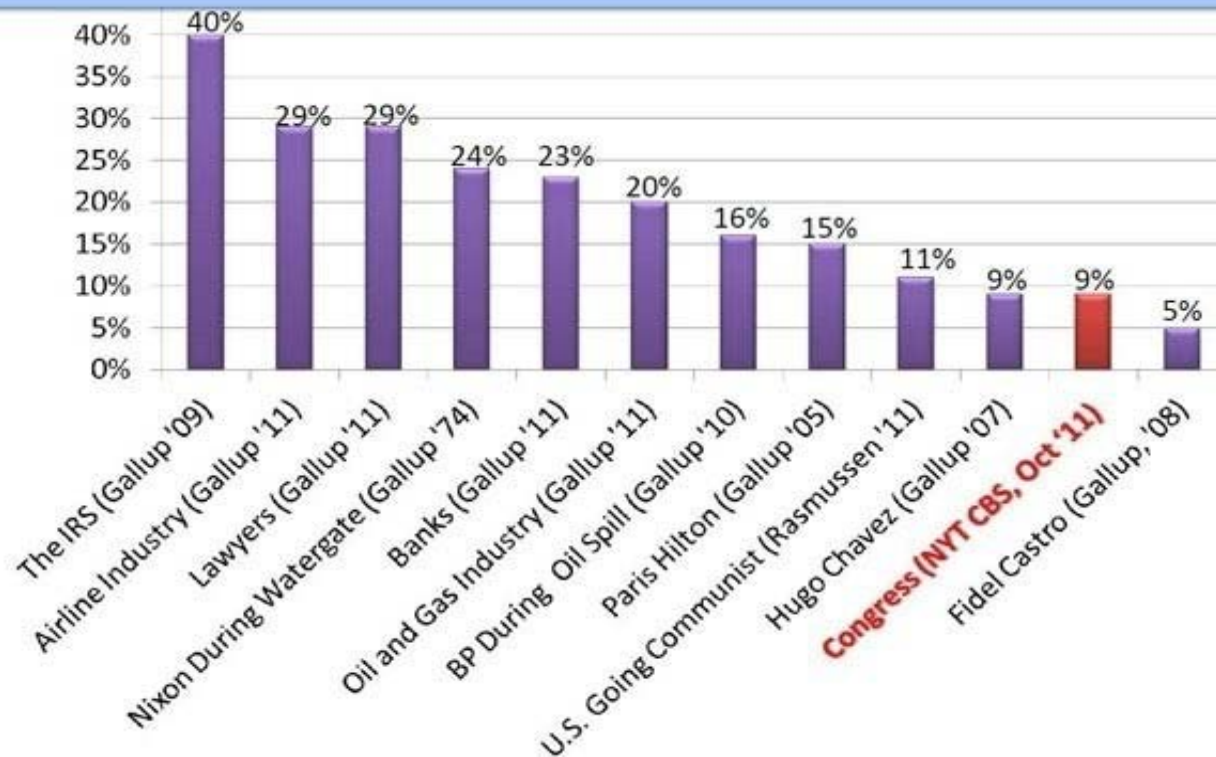
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The Popularity of Congress Today

Other Approval Ratings, Compared Against Congressional Approval at 9%



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Immigration activists push reform despite possible White House delay

“
But have no doubt: In the absence of congressional action, I'm going to do what I can to make sure the system works better.
”

- President Obama

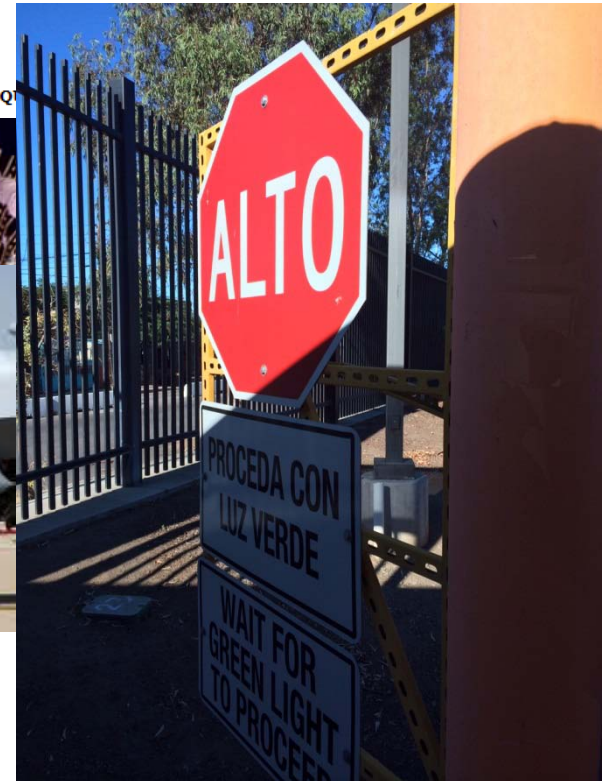
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Congress hears an impassioned plea on immigration crisis

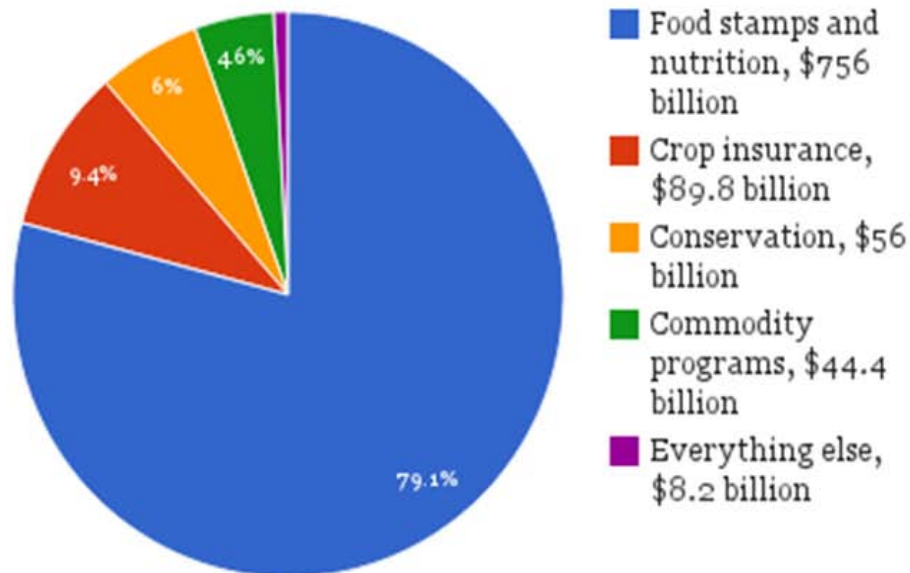


Detainees are escorted to an area to make phone calls as hundreds of mostly Central American immigrant children are being processed and held at the U.S. Customs and Border Protection Nogales Placement Center on June 18, 2014 in Nogales, Arizona. / POOL, GETTY IMAGES



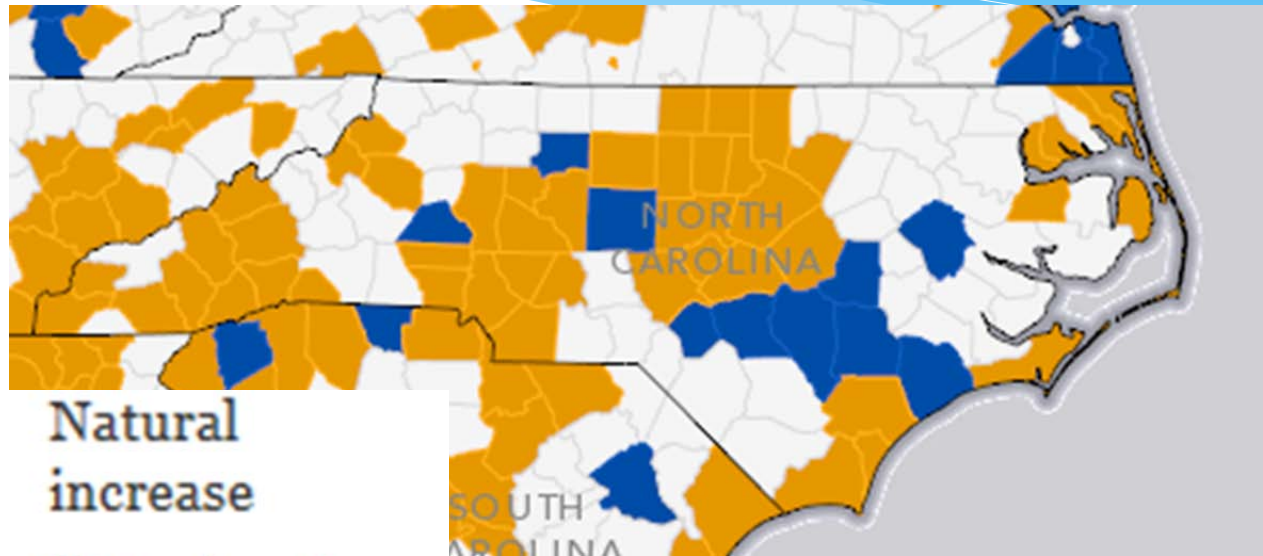
2014 Farm Bill

What's in the farm bill? (Costs from FY2014-2023)



Election Year

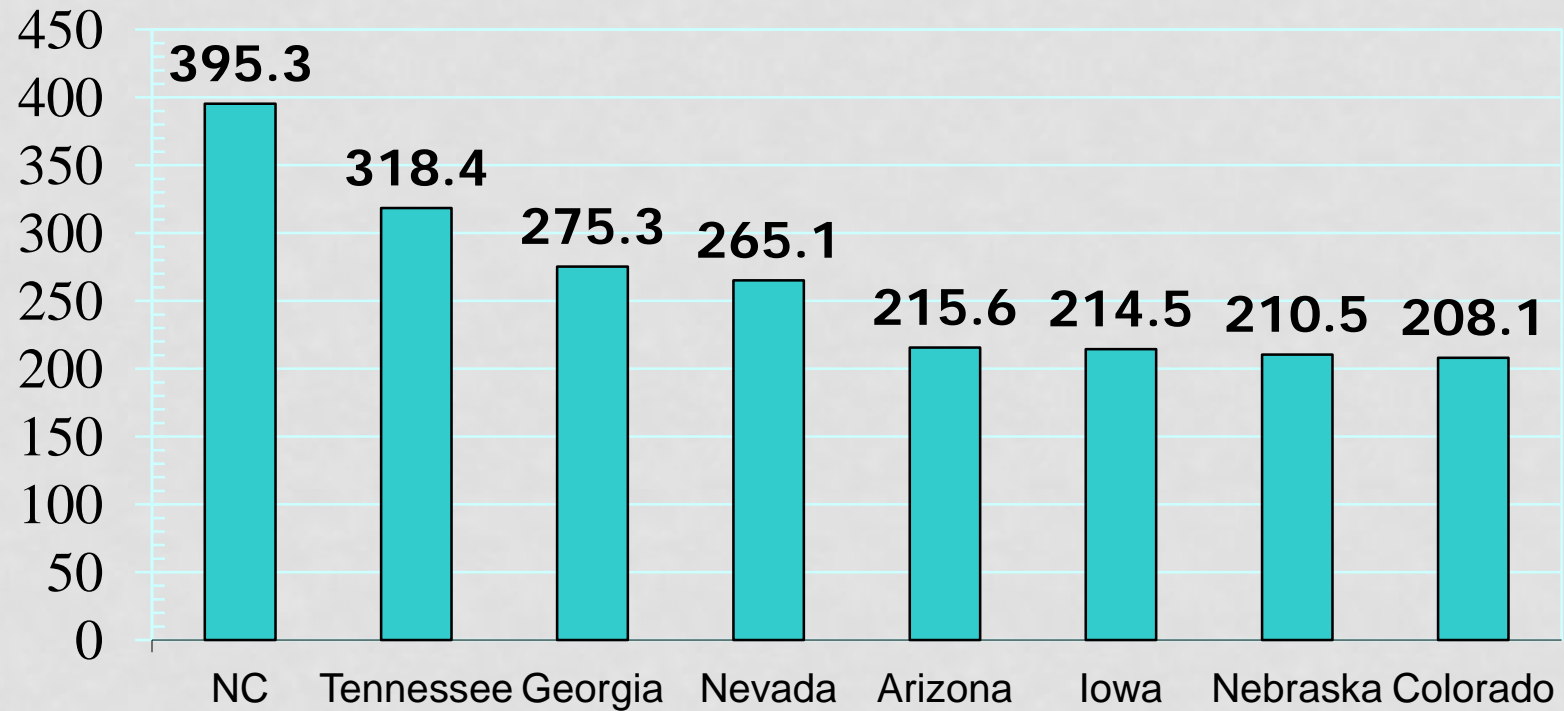
People Love Moving To NC



- Natural increase
- Net migration
- Equal
- No growth or no primary source



NEW IMMIGRANT DESTINATIONS 1990-2005



NC is US Senate Swing State

Democrats | 21 Held Seats

Solid D	Likely D	Lean D	Toss Up	Lean R	Likely R	Solid R
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